

MANAGERS OF BOXERS GET RICH;
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PROTEGES

Many, Instead of Taking the Usual 25 Percent of Receipts, Manage to Acquire as High as 90 Percent, Leaving the Fighter a Mere Pittance; One Boxer Got \$1000 Out of a \$9000 Purse; the Manager Got the Rest.

BY FRANK G. HENKE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—The next crop of American millionaires will be harvested from the army of prize fight managers—the persons who have discovered how to get rich quick with the least exertion.

The unlearned in pugilistic methods are possessed of the idea that the fighter gets the bulk of all the huge purses that are hung up for battles in these frenzied finance days. They are wrong. It is the so-called "managers" who grab off the huge share of the gold.

A good manager very often helps a fighter to get near the top in the pugilistic heap—but there are few good managers in this era. The fair-weather manager is satisfied with a 25 percent share of the fighter's receipts as payment for his efforts in howling the financial pathway, but the trouble with the pugilistic game is that many unscrupulous persons have grafted themselves onto fighters and act like leeches—they suck out of the fighter nearly every dollar he earns, and in the end, the fighter has nothing and the manager everything.

A New York sport writer recently made the rounds of the fight managers' offices in Gotham and marveled because many of them occupied regal suites in some of the largest office buildings in the town. That doesn't seem strange to us. The only marvellous thing about his discovery, in our opinion, is that he didn't find a bunch of managers occupying—and owning—the whole building.

Many Managers Like Leeches.
The safest way of gathering big money these days is to manage some book battle—a guy who knows how to fight and knows little or nothing about the financial end of the game. That class of fighters—and they are in the majority—are easy prey for these who term themselves "managers."

Whenever a youngster rises in the pugilistic world there's a mad scramble among the "managers" to grab him and put his financial affairs under their control. They scent prey and they are like wolves in pursuit of it.

The "managers" usually sign up the book battle to a contract that is lopsided; one that is ironclad as far as the fighter is concerned but can be broken any time the manager desires. The "manager" has nothing to lose and everything to gain. If the fighter develops into a real drawing card the "manager" can hang onto him until his usefulness is over. If the fighter should prove to be a flivver the manager can cut loose.

Earned \$9000; Got \$1000.
One battler who recently cut loose

from his "manager" told us that in a trifle over one year he had earned \$9000 in the ring, but that all he got out of it was \$1000.

"I should have received nearly \$7000," he said, "but my manager got the big bulk of the money. He was to get 25 percent of my income for managing me. Well, he got nearly 90 percent. And what happened to me is happening to other fighters right along. They are being trimmed by their managers. A fighter doesn't know much about the fighting game. He leaves that up to his manager. If the manager is a square one the fighter gets a square deal. But if he isn't, the fighter is trimmed."

Karna \$1200, Gets \$25.
"I once fought for a \$1200 guarantee. That amount of money was turned over to my manager by the promoter. Out of that I should have received \$900, but when it came to settling up my manager gave me \$25. He said that was all that was left. I made a howl but he explained that he had to pay out \$100 for press agenting me, \$50 for something else, another \$25 here, and so on."

"I investigated all those expenditures he said he had made and I found that he actually paid out about \$25. He gave me \$25, and he pocketed \$1175. That was the way with most of my fights."

That case is only one of many. One fighter who earned over \$130,000 in five years is said to have received only about \$20,000. His manager got the bulk of the balance.

A Get Rich Quick Game.
One of the most prominent heavyweights in the country today said he earned over \$14,000 for three fights—and he never got a dollar. It went to the manager. A featherweight was guaranteed \$500 for a fight. That sum was paid over by the promoter, to the manager, but the battler—the man who worked and suffered—got \$40. A once champion told us recently that various managers have drained him for over \$30,000 before he decided he'd do his own managing.

It's a great little get rich quick without unnecessary exertion game, isn't it?

PITCHER SHAW MAY DIE; IS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 18.—It became known here Wednesday that James Shaw, a pitcher of the Washington club of the American league, was probably fatally injured Tuesday while hunting in Westmoreland county. Shaw and a companion were making their way through a wood when Shaw's gun was accidentally discharged as he climbed over a fence. The charge entered his neck. He was taken to a farm house nearby, and then brought to a hospital here.

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The Coast league officials have warned all their reserve men that they are liable to suspension if they play with or against any Federal league men and Jimmy Johnson, who recently announced his jump from Oakland to the Reds, is unable to get into the game.

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The Goodyear Tire and Rubber company unloaded a huge 48 by 6 pneumatic tire on Wednesday. It is said to be the largest in the world and is destined for use on trucks carrying from seven to ten tons. The big tire sells for over \$200, while an inner tube alone is worth \$47. It will not fit an ordinary rim and the company turns out a special steel wheel to use with this tire.

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MOVIE OF A MAN STARTING THE BOWLING SEASON BY BRIGGS



Imperial Valley Has Winter Baseball

Motor Dealers Receive Their Displays

THE Imperial Valley winter baseball league is now under way and several players known in the southwest are with the teams there. Don Rader, formerly of Tucson, is playing short and leading off for El Centro. Jack Biles, the former Mackman catcher, is behind the bat for Brawley, while "Spot" MacMurdo, late of Tucson, is in left field.

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"H" TEAM WILL OPPOSE MINERS

Preliminary Game Between High School Second Team and Alamogordo

El Paso high school will end its regular football season at Rio Grande park on Saturday afternoon by playing the School of Mines. Both eleven have made remarkably good showings this season and a hard game is anticipated.

There will be a preliminary game between the second team of the high school and the Alamogordo high school. In a recent game at Alamogordo, the home team defeated the Tiger seconds by the class score of 14 to 13, and the local boys are now determined to wipe out the stain of that defeat.

As the School of Mines and N. M. M. I. will play here on Thanksgiving afternoon, there will be no game for the Tigers on the holiday, unless some trip is arranged, and that is hardly likely at this late date.

SIXTH FIELD ARTILLERY DEFEATS 22d INFANTRY
Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 18.—By a score of 19 to 0 the football team of the sixth field artillery defeated the team of the 22d infantry in the best game seen here in many months. It looks very much as though the cannon soldiers, who were tailenders in the baseball league series, would carry off the pigskin honors.

WOLFGANG BEATS MURPHY.
La Crosse, Wis., Nov. 18.—Ad Wolfgang, former lightweight champion, had little trouble in defeating Jimmy Murphy, Chicago, in a ten round boxing contest here Wednesday night. Wolfgang took seven rounds while three were even.

CARRANZA may or may not allow boxing across the river, but the prospect that the fight game may be under the ban is not causing any lack of enthusiasm among the would-be promoters. There are at least a dozen men who would like to take a crack at the fight promoting game in Juarez under the Carranza regime and not one of them is troubled with modesty when it comes to setting forth his qualifications.

SIX teams will compose the City Basketball league this winter, according to the present plans. The Cactus club, School of Mines and High school will all have teams but the Y.M.C.A. as an organization, will drop out of the league this year and the players will be distributed among three other teams, probably the Feldmans, the Walz team and one other to be selected. The season is planned to start right after the Christmas holidays and games will be played every Saturday night.

Non-Playing Coaches Make Winners

Fighters May Have To Use Own Names

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Bob Zuppke, who never played on a varsity eleven, and who had coached "prep" school teams only, went to Illinois in 1914 and lifted that team to the crest of the western football world.

John Rush, who never played on a varsity eleven, and whose coaching experience had been limited to "prep" schools, went to Princeton this fall and built up the best eleven that Princeton has had in many years.

A Ballot was sold for \$15,000 in Kentucky the other day. However, it was a race horse and not one of those things the ladies are battling for.

Six feet and seven and a half inches of Love has come into the lives of Messrs. Rupert, Huxton and Donovan. Love is a pitcher who was with Los Angeles last season. He's expected to do some uplift work for the Yankees in 1916.

Dear Sir—Why do you and a lot of other writers refer to the University of Pittsburgh as "one of the smaller colleges"? Don't you know that Pitt is 124 years old and that it has an enrollment now of nearly 4000 which is larger than that of Yale and more than double that of Princeton.

TWO HORSES FALL IN RACE
ON FIRST DAY AT PHOENIX
Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 18.—Two accidents marked the horse racing on the first day of the state fair. Lady Leco, driven by Bunoh, stumbled and fell into the fence at the first turn. The sulky was demolished and Lady Leco was badly lamed. Sadie View, driven by Selman, went down on the back stretch but was not hurt. Bold drivers were thrown clear and escaped injury.

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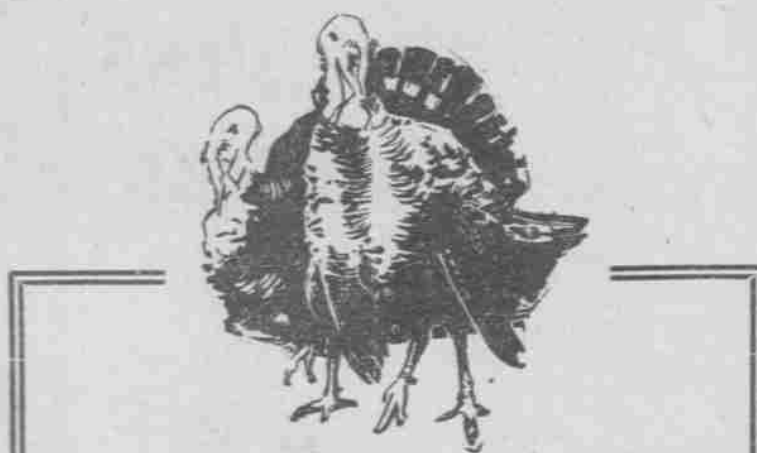
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